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Grey, grey skies where the wind is,
Wet, brown roads where the rain is,
Lost in the shadowy mist;
Clean-washed rowan on hillsides,
Scarlet as jewels on hillsides
Of silver and amethyst.

O, to be swift as the rain is!
O, to be free as the wind is
To follow the roadways of mist
I would go forth to the hillsides,
Rain-silvered slopes of the hillsides,
And there with the rowan keep tryst!

THE MONDAY CLUB

A group of 23 Congregational ministers of the Bay region on Monday morning, September 17th, listened to an able and discriminating paper by Villard B. Thorp of Palo Alto upon the theme, "A World Peace." Mr. Thorp took up a consideration of the leading proposals looking to the elimination of war, and fairly diagnosed them.

His judgment was that world peace will not be possible until there is world-friendliness; and the function of the church—a major function of the pulpit, is to create that friendship.

OLDEST CHURCH IN OREGON

When the sealed tin box that had been put in the corner-stone of the Oregon City Congregational church was opened at the church service of Sunday morning, July 29th, it was found to contain many papers of permanent interest.

The church was recently destroyed by fire. The corner-stone had been laid in 1889, thirty-four years ago. The church was built during the pastorate of Rev. O. W. Lucas, now of Berkeley, Cal. His picture was among the papers found; also a picture of Rev. George H. Atkinson, in whose honor and memory the church had been erected and named. On the corner-stone were the two dates, 1844 and 1889.

The church was organized on May 25, 1844, with three male members. These men were Peter H. Hatch of Woburn, Mass; Robert Moore; and Orville Russell. Mr. Russell was "a trapper from Maine who had been converted while reading the Bible in his lonely hunter's cabin in the Rocky Mountains."

One of the photographs discovered in the tin box was that of a missionary of the American Board,—a Rev. Mr. Parker. On the back of the photograph was written, "Dr. Parker visited the site of Oregon City November 24, 1835. Sent that year to Oregon City by the A. B. C. F. M."

GOOD MANAGERS

The National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church, through its Vice President and Treasurer, Mr. Louis B. Franklin, issues a call for four thousand volunteers "to assist as business managers in installing business methods in parishes of the country."

What Mr. Franklin says to Episcopal Churches, the Home Missions Council would repeat to every church in the country. The clergyman of every parish, large or small, needs a business man to act as his agent in the organization and administration of the affairs of the parish. "Business needs more Christianity and Christianity needs more business. There is less excuse for doing God's work in a slip-shod way than there is for doing our work in that manner."

A little child was given to walking in his sleep. One night his mother was aroused, and hurrying to the stairs found him. Gathering him into her arms and bringing him to normal consciousness with caresses and kisses, she asked him, "Where was my little darling going?" He replied, "I was going to see what's inside the dark." (The Candle of Comfort.)

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OCTOBER

Grey days and cold! The corn tassels shaking,
A wind from the east blowing wet past the lips,
And smell of soaked boughs that the leaves are forsaking,
And mist on the hill where the muddy road dips
Down to the stream, as it eddies and slips
Over the stones with a gurgle and bubble,
There where the cattle have trampled the stubble.

Hear the old cedars! They're singing and sighing;
Sycamores toss their pied arms, and their laughter
Shakes all the air, and the beeches, replying,
Sound like a chime that a prayer follcws after.
The wind has gone daft, but the tree tops are dafter!
Ah, here's a day to put heart into men!
Grey days and cold, and October again!

YE THAT SMOKE

We join no campaign against smoking; but we make our protest against the almost invariable discourtesy of those who have the tobacco habit. A man ought to be able to enjoy his cigar or cigarette without making his non-smoking neighbor participate in it—at second-hand. Personally, we do not like to mix our edibles with the weed. But how common it is for the eater to be compelled to gulp down mouthfuls of another man's smoke with his own food.

We have sat at the table with friends, who in the midst of the meal have whipped out their combustibles, without even so much as a "beg-your-pardon." We still hold them as our friends in spite of it all,—but not without difficulty.

But ye smokers, don't forget courtesy; keep in mind that the other man may not like the compound of tobacco and tomatoes; respect the other man's right to be clean; don't be selfish; don't thrust your enjoyments upon another man's distaste; and above all remember that, while smoking may not be a sin, ill manners are.

WHEN OTHERS THAN DOCTORS DISAGREE

The Editor of the Pearson's Magazine writes a long and aggressive screed to the effect that President Harding's death was due to the ignorance of his doctors. They ought to have starved him, he urges, and not to have fed him; food was his poison, fasting would have been his cure. One wonders at the omniscience of some editors.

Another writer says that the President died because no one called in a Christian Science practitioner. And still another says that there can be no doubt at all but that a few Chiropractic "adjustments" would have saved his life.

And so it is! Under some circumstances silence is golden.

ELIMINATING COMPETITION

Overchurching, which has been the accusation of not the crime of Protestant churches, rarely exists today. There has been a gradual approach to an understanding among the different denominations, with the result that here and there certain "responsibilities" have been allocated.

An instance of this sort is found in the decision of a recent interdenominational conference of leaders, that assigns to the Congregational denomination responsibility for the district in which the Broadmoor church near San Leandro is located, also for the communities lying between Pinole and Bay Point; also for the work in the region of Angel's Camp and Murphy's.

It was also decided that we should, in co-operation with the Methodist church, care for all communities lying in Sonoma county, in the neighborhood of Kenwood, Glen Ellen, and Sonoma.

Already Rev. Isaac Cookman is active in meeting that allocation. He and his church have secured the use of an automobile van by which the children of Fetters and Boyes Spring and other outlying hamlets shall be brought to his church every Sunday morning for the Sunday school session.

We are glad to report this new venture on the part of our Sonoma people; we also are glad to think that such unChristian rivalries as have disgraced our churches are getting to be out of style. Yet elimination of competition should not mean really the elimination of a threat of competition. We ought to hold over any church the possibility of some other denomination coming in, if the church on the field becomes so slack and lifeless and lazy that the field is neglected. A field to be protected should at least be occupied. The church that is merely "marking time" should get a friendly warning that it must do the work, or move out.

INCONGRUOUS

The minister arose and said in solemn tones, "The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him!" Then the choir and the congregation, and the minister altogether burst forth vociferously singing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

Brethren, let's be sincere rather than conventional.

TWELVE SERMONS BY A METHODIST PREACHER

Rev. M. S. Rice, a Detroit pastor, has come out with a group of sermons upon the Church. He starts out with "The Expected Church, which furnishes the title of his book, and ends up with "Can the Church save the World?" What this Detroit preacher says at the outset and at the end is interesting and vital; and what he says in between those two sermons is as good.

Take, for instance, that first title, The Expected Church; what the Church is expected to be interested in, what it is expected to do in the present crises of life; then discover that the preacher starts from the text in John xii:21, "Sirs, we would see Jesus." Does that not set the machinery of one's mind a-going?

These sermons are all modern; the preacher faces the problems of the day; and it is not inexplicable that he addresses great and greatly interested congregations every Sunday morning. (The Abingdon Press).

POMONA COLLEGE

With the increased facilities afforded by its new buildings and enlarged faculty, Pomona College is anticipating the greatest year in its history. It has been necessary to deny admission to nearly 200 applicants as the academic enrollment is limited to 750.

This has permitted the admission of 225 freshmen, of whom 125 are men. Applications for admission from outside California have been heavier than ever before in the history of the College and the student body will represent all sections of the United States and many foreign countries.

Registration occupied the three-day period, September 17th-19th, and the opening convocation address at 10:30 a. m., Wednesday, September 19th, was delivered by President James A. Blaisdell.

THE GOLDEN JUBILEE

By Helen Street Ranney

From North and South and East and West they came—the delegates to the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Woman's Board of Missions for the Pacific.

The night before the meetings, the awful fire swept over the Berkeley hills making thousands homeless and destroying millions of dollars worth of property. It looked as if a gloom would be cast over the proceedings as many of the Berkeley people had packed their belongings the afternoon and evening before and had been awake a good part of the night watching the fire. Some of the hostesses and those taking part in the program were burned out, but so splendidly did they rally, putting their own troubles in the background, that a deeper spiritual vein was touched throughout the sessions because of the experience.

From the beginning, when the women of the First Church, San Francisco, kept open house for the guests coming in, until the last enthusiastic good-byes were said, a spirit of good cheer, comradeship and enthusiasm, inspiration and consecration filled the days.

High points in a strong program were the masterly Interpretation of Japan from a New Point of View, by Rev. Merle Davis, of Japan; the address of Mr. Takahashi Komatsu, President of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha Steamship Company, who in the most perfect English, told of the influence of America on Japan as seen in unrealized non-Christian conditions, as well as the more evident Christian institutions; the incisive address of Prof. T. R. Glover, of Cambridge University, England, the author of "Jesus in History," who sketched vividly dark spots in India which Christian Missions could touch. Miss Frances Clapp, just returned from five years at the Doshisha, who has built up a strong department of music, brought fresh news of the big work being done there to train leaders, and of the indefatigable labors and far reaching influence of Miss Denton. Miss Edith Parsons, just back from her work in Turkey, gave a statesmanlike address on conditions there.

On Wednesday, after a review of the Foundation Builders of fifty years ago, the Branch Presidents, as Foundation Builders of today, came forward for a prayer of consecration. Mrs. Wagner gave "The Appeal of the Unfinished Task," reviewing the work on the field for the last fifty years—the work only just begun. Following there was a beautiful flag service in which representatives carrying flags with the names of the missionaries of the Board came in singing a hymn composed for the occasion. After they were grouped about the altar the three young girls who are just going out came in from the sides bearing their own flags. Mrs. L. O. Baird of Washington, as she took each flag, told in a few words of the work done by that missionary, closing with prayer.

In the afternoon the Jubilee State Chairmen brought in their reports filled with humor and pathos and devotion, and Mrs. Ranney gave a tribute to the women everywhere who had sacrificed to

make possible the Jubilee gift, and especially to the splendid Jubilee Chairmen. The Treasurer then gave the report for which all had been waiting, saying that all of the $150,000 but a couple of hundred dollars was in the Treasury. That and more was made up before night, so that the Board went well over the top of their Jubilee Goal, to the joy of everybody.

Thursday was Missionary Day in which various missionaries told of the work on the Field,—always with a look to the future, culminating in that impressive part of the program when grouped together on the platform they tell their names and their fields.

Last of all, as the late afternoon light shone through the windows, all joined with full hearts in the Communion Service led by Mrs. Ranney, with the Branch Presidents as Deacons.

The Commission Service, the last evening, of Miss Edith Sanderson for Turkey, Miss Ruth Andrews for Wai, India, Miss Julia Wagner for Mexico, was very tender and holy.

Delightful spots in the three days were the dinner at the Ebell Club, in honor of Mrs. J. K. Mclean and the Founders, when over two hundred and fifty were present. This opened with glowing enthusiasm and warmth the plans for the three days. Few will forget the lovely picture of the granddaughters escorting the Charter Members to the platform, followed by the daughters, as they sang together.

The remarkable pageant in the evening, in which over one hundred took part, was appreciated by a large audience. Other delightful features were a tea at Mills College given by President Aurelia Reinhardt and the Faculty to the delegates; the luncheon at tables spread under the big trees in Mosswood Park on Wednesday, and presided over by the Berkeley ladies, who stopped occasionally in their preparations to make hundreds of sandwiches for the homeless people of Berkeley and then would turn again to the preparation of the luncheon; and last of all, on Friday, the pilgrimage to Santa Cruz where the Board was started. There was luncheon in the church and speeches; and then on the return, tea at Saratoga in the beautiful house and grounds of Mrs. Blaney.

The charm and enthusiasm; the inspiration and exaltation of those high days of privilege will not soon be forgotten.

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WHEN PREACHERS GET TOGETHER

Whatever Lynn Harold Hough puts his signatu to is interesting reading, always fresh and ne and likely to be piquant on account of a nov point of view.

He has taken an imaginary group of real min ters and calling them Twelve Merry Fishermen h discussed from a variety of angles many mode questions of importance. The method gives hi wide latitude both as to matter and the expressi of opinion.

Those who have read that much-talked-of R ing Tide of Color will enjoy the racy chapter "The Color Scheme of the World." (The Abin don Press, New York.)

OUR WASHINGTON NEWS

The resignation of Rev. H. M. McDowell, as p tor of the Fairmount Congregational Church, attle, took effect September 1st.

Rev. F. E. Cain accepted a call to Richmo Beach, where he commenced work September 1s

Pilgrim and Corbin Park churches, in Spoka have formed a happy union and have arrang with Rev. Hiram B. Harrison, of the national C gregational Home Missionary Society, to take

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special work, commencing November 1st. Mr. Harrison has made a specialty of working out difficult city problems.

It had been planned to hold the annual meeting of the Washington Congregational Conference at the state capital, October 2, 3 and 4. Owing, however, to the fact that the state meeting of the Knights of Pythias will be held in Olmpia, the same week, with a list of delegates that would over-crowd the capacity of that city for guests, the invitation of the Tacoma Churches has been accepted by the Conference, to meetin their city.

The National School Extension Society and the Washington Conference have united in extending a call to Rev. Herbert N. Dukes, formerly of West Virginia, who has been taking post-graduate work in Union and Columbia, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. Charles D. Gaffney.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Colman took fifty-seven boys and several older persons connected with the Sunday School and Manual Training Classes of the Fauntleroy Church, Seattle, to Horsehead Bay, on their yacht, August 14th, for a four days' outing. The girls were invited to go in the same manner to Vashon Island, September 8th, for a picnic. Forty-six of them accepted. Plans are being made for the gymnasium and manual training classes to begin early in October. The weekly exhibition of Motion Pictures will be deferred until two or three weeks later.

A number of Daily Vacation Bible Schools were successfully conducted during the month of August in Eastern Washington districts remote from the railroad, by Field Worker William C. Allen. One of these schools was at Mountain Home, five miles from Mt. Spokane. In this school, where no age limit was set, the youngest of the thirty enrolled was three years of age, and the oldest, eighty-three. This patriarch, whose name is Charles Smedley, was absent but one day, when it was necessary for him to remain at home to repair a fence. During one of the periods devoted to talks on Health and Habits, Mr. Smedley was asked to tell how he came to live so long and enjoy such good health. He said, "I never used liquor nor tobacco; honored father and mother; obey the laws of God and nature, and eat slow."—H. F. B.

WORSHIP IN THE MOUNTAINS

The Camp Church, a mile and a quarter above the sea-level, in the San Bernardino mountains, on the shore of Big Bear Lake, has been ministered to this summer by our pastor at San Bernardino, Rev. Henry Buckingham Mowbray.

The picturesque mountain chapel was bought from the Advantists by the Southern California Congregational Conference. Those of many different denominations have worshipped together here in a fine spirit. At times as many as five hundred worshippers have been together in the spirit of fellowship. The music has been conducted by a quartet of fine singers.

The chapel has also been the social center for the whole mountain side. Two nights weekly during July and August clever programs have been given around the camp-fire by volunteer talent.

The financial support has come chiefly from the 62 camps, each containing from 5 to 100 cabins. Over 12,000 people are to be found in these camps at the height of the season.

PACIFIC SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Pacific School of Religion opened Monday, August 20, with an address by Professor William Frederic Bade, on Nature and Man. President Swartz presided. All members of the Faculty were present, none being on sabbatical leave this year.

Thirty-two new students were admitted, including four graduate students and five pursuing special courses not leading toward a degree. This number does not include former students or those coming from other schools for certain courses. This is by far the largest entering class in the history of the institution.

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Children's Sermons

BY WILLARD BROWN THORP

WINGS LIKE A BIRD

"Oh that I had wings like a bird, then would I fly away and be at rest." That's in the Bible.

But how do you suppose the birds fly? One way is by flapping their wings very fast, like the humming birds. We have learned how to do that in the air-plane. The swift-turning propeller does the work of the flapping wings. The Wright brothers taught us that. But it takes lots of gas, and they have to go very fast, almost a mile a minute, or they drop to the ground.

But some birds have another way of flying. gulls and buzzards just spread their wings and sail along, hardly ever flapping them. No one knew just how they managed to do it until the Allies forbade the Germans after the war to build any more airplanes with engines in them. "Very well," the German high school boys said, "we'll see what we can do with airplanes without any engines in them." And, if you please, they did it! They practiced gliding like the gulls and buzzards, and now they have astonished the world by sailing about just like the birds, remaining for several hours floating in the air.

It is done by getting into a strong current of rising air that lifts you up faster than the plane would fall. Then by bending your body just right the wind will carry you along like a gull that follows a steamer for hours floating on the air. It isn't so easy as it looks, but I don't know why American boys shouldn't do it as well as German boys. Some day, maybe, we will all be doing it. Does it not say in the Bible, "Nothing shall be impossible unto you"?

SERIOUS ACCIDENT

Rev. Rowland B. Dodge of Redwood City met with what might have been a fatal accident. While crossing the Southern Pacific tracks, his machine was struck by a fast train and he was thrown out alongside of the track. Both feet were run over, two toes of his left foot were cut off, and the front half of his right. Through the skill of his physicians, however, no further amputation was required. The gates at the crossing were not down when he drove his machine upon the tracks.

To the great comfort of his many friends throughout the whole State he promises a speedy recovery. Friends in the meantime are supplying his pulpit.

ASILOMAR MEETING

The sixty-ninth Annual meeting of the Northern California Congregational Churches will be held at Asilomar, beginning Wednesday afternoon, October 3, to Tuesday noon, October 9. The main features of the program are as follows:

Wednesday, Afternoon—Organization; Moderator's Address; Address by Albert W. Palmer of Honolulu. Evening—Conference Sermon by Willard B. Thorp.

Thursday, Morning—Mission Study Hour, Religious Education Hour, led by Miles B. Fisher; Address, "The Church's Chief Business," by Hugh Vernon White; Woman's Work, by Mrs. Swartz. Each afternoon is to be free for recreation and fellowship. Evening—Home Missions Program.

Friday, Morning—Business Session of the Conference. Evening—Foreign Missions Program.

Saturday, Morning — Sectional conferences for pastors, pastors' wives, lay-folk, and young people. Evening—Three one-act plays under direction of W. S. Tupper.

Sunday, Morning—Church School, and Morning Worship, with sermon by Harvey V. Miller. Afternoon—Young People's Hour; Vespers and Communion. Evening—Fireside Fellowship, led by F. W. Morrison.

Monday, Morning—Address by David Starr Jordan on "Plight of Europe." Evening—Address by G. T. Simons on "Present Challenge to Leadership"; Address by James L. Gordon, "What I Saw on the Battlefield."

Tuesday, Morning—Address, "The Lord's Day," by Mrs. Whipkey; Address, "People's Movement for International Peace," by Capt. E. L. Beach; Address, International Justice and Goodwill," by President Swartz.

The Mission study hour and Religious Education hour will be held practically each morning during the session.

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rate; from two to four years (inclusive), one-half rate; under two years (no food furnished), $2.00 per week.

The Registration fee for the Conference will be $3.50.

THE NEW C. E. CAMPAIGN

By Paul C. Brown, Pacific Coast Secretary, United Society of Christian Endeavor.

The "Friends of Christ" campaign adopted by the International Christian Endeavor organization while in convention at Des Moines in July furnishes as fine a set of ideals and goals for young people's societies as has ever been proposed in the long series of campaigns that have successfully run their course in the past.

President Clark's opening message in the great Convention was a challenge to the C. E. hosts of the world to make the coming two years contain a practical demonstration of what Christ meant for us when He said, "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you," John 15:14. He urged that we not only be "Friends of Christ" but also "Friends for Christ" and "Friends in Christ," thus emphasizing personal devotion, evangelism and fellowship.

My own thought in this connection is that probably as much now as ever in the history of the church just such a campaign or program is needed for the young people. In the church, in the society and out in the great world this friendship program needs to be stressed as never before. Distracting influences from all directions are calling the youth of today away from the serious things of God. May the phrase "Friends of Christ" prove itself a great rallying cry, and may pastors and church leaders everywhere pass the word along as a challenge to practical, everyday service of the "friendly" sort for Christ and His cause.

In this new campaign one special feature interests me greatly. It seems that for the coming two years no Christian Endeavor society can be rated as an "honor society" unless said "honor" is certified to by the pastor, the basis for which has been "satisfactory service rendered" over a period of six months or more. The pastor makes his own standards for his society or societies. Just so long as he is pleased with his own young people's organization, that's the thing that counts.

And this leads me to suggest that it would be very much desired if more of our Congregational pastors would attend Christian Endeavor Conventions and gatherings and also participate in C. E. councils here and there. Most C. E. Union leaders are more or less new at the business. Might it not be possible for our pastors to help more in the making of plans and building of programs with the thought in mind that thus there will be less to criticize in the future?

CHURCH NEWS

Rev. L. M. Isaac of Collbran, Colorado, has accepted a call to the Broadmoor church, Oakland, and is at work.

Rev. William A. Hensill, who was pastor of the church at Soquel for two years, has taken charge of the church at Adin, which Rev. Mr. Shoemaker recently resigned after a long and happy service.

Rev. Edmund Owens has been called to the Federated church at Crockett. It is planned also to care for the neighboring town of Port Costa by the use of an auto-van to bring the children to the Sunday school of Crockett.

At a Vesper service in honor of President Harding in the Trinity Episcopal church of San Jose, Rev. Fred W. Morrison assisted upon invitation of the Rector, Rev. A. W. Porter.

The Berkeley fire just missed our North Church. It came from the northeast and spread out in fan shape, catching a house right next to the parish house. Only one church in the whole of North Berkeley met with disaster and that was the Christian Science. But families of all the churches were among those burnt out.

The meeting of the Bay Association which was to have been held at San Lorenzo on Tuesday, Sept. 25th, was postponed indefinitely, partly on account of the serious accident of Rev. R. B. Dodge, and also because of the Jubilee meeting of the Woman's Board and the State Conference just before and following that week.

Rev. William H. Youngman has resigned at Mill Valley. He will spend some time recuperating on his ranch in the neighborhood of Kenwood, before taking another pastorate. After he had resigned and was preparing to move, the fire that swept through Sonoma county, burned over his ranch, destroying house, orchard and everything, except one horse which some neighbors very kindly rescued for him.

Rev. and Mrs. G. B. Cowles, missionaries to Natal, South Africa, are now spending their furlough

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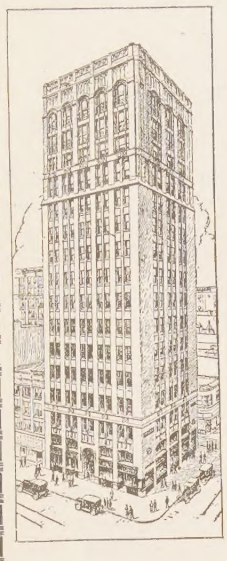

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LOS ANGELES SAN DIEGO PASADENA

of a year in Massachusetts. In a letter recently he expresses through our columns his deep sympathy for those who have suffered loss in the Berkeley fire. His present address is 24 Fort street, Fair Haven, Mass.

In the death of Mrs. Josephine Walker Faatz, the Natronar City church has lost its last charter member. She had been a resident of the city for fifty-four years. The church was organized in her home, which was the third house built in the city. Her father donated the land upon which the present church building stands; and Mrs. Faatz recently gave a valuable cottage to the church for a parsonage. She was a woman of charming personality and her influence upon the community life was marked. The pastor, Rev. C. R. Shatto, has been preacing at the border town of San Ysidro on Sunday afternoons and is about to begin a campaign for a new church building there.

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Rev. C. H. Stevens of Lodi has been ill and unable to preach for something over a month. He is recuperating in the neighborhood of Woodside.

Rev. J. H. Williams, formerly pastor of Redlands, was generously remembered by the people of that church at a recent social affair in the gift of $100; and the notification that on the first day of each month for a year he would find a similar amount on deposit for him at his bank.

Lightning struck the steeple of the Benicia Congregational Church and shattered it so badly that it had to be somewhat reduced. No other harm was done to the church, and the loss was fully covered by insurance. The church has called Rev. T. H. Preston of Moline, Ill.

At Plymouth church, Oakland, Rev. F. V. Fisher spoke on Labor Sunday on "Religion or Revolution." On Sept. 16th Rev. C. C. Wilson spoke at the church on "What astronomy has done to religion."

The play of Jeremiah in the Greek Theater, Berkeley, in the early part of September was a great success; impressive, and instructive. The ministers, many of them Congregationalists, showed notable histrionic ability. The attendance was gratifying.

One of the most cheering signs of the times has been the holding of union prayer meetings in San Jose, with the Congregational, Methodist and Christian churches participating. Rev. Fred W. Morrison of our church writes that the experiment has proven to be so delightful during the summer months, that it has been decided to keep together until Christmas. San Jose must be a good place to live in, and to work in. We hope San Jose Spirit will prove to be contagious. Mr. Morrison is to have the assistance of Miss Lillian Gomersall as Director of Religious Education.

Rev. Bryant C. Preston of Los Angeles was called to Portland to supply the pulpit of the First church during the month of September. He has been having excellent congregations. He has preached recently on "The Central Word of Religion" and "Fundamentalists vs. Faddists." In the last sermon he contrasted the ineffectual substitutes for the Gospel with the Fundamentals of Faith. Rev. Clement G. Clarke of Springfield, Mass., has answered the call to the pastorate in the affirmative and plans to begin work on Oct. 7th.

Charles Nelson Pace in a "Candle of Comfort" (50 cents) has in a little handful of pages put a deal of comfort and illumination for a multitude. His style is tender; his thought penetrating; and his approach to life sincere. He is an interpreter, not a propagandist. (The Abingdon Press).